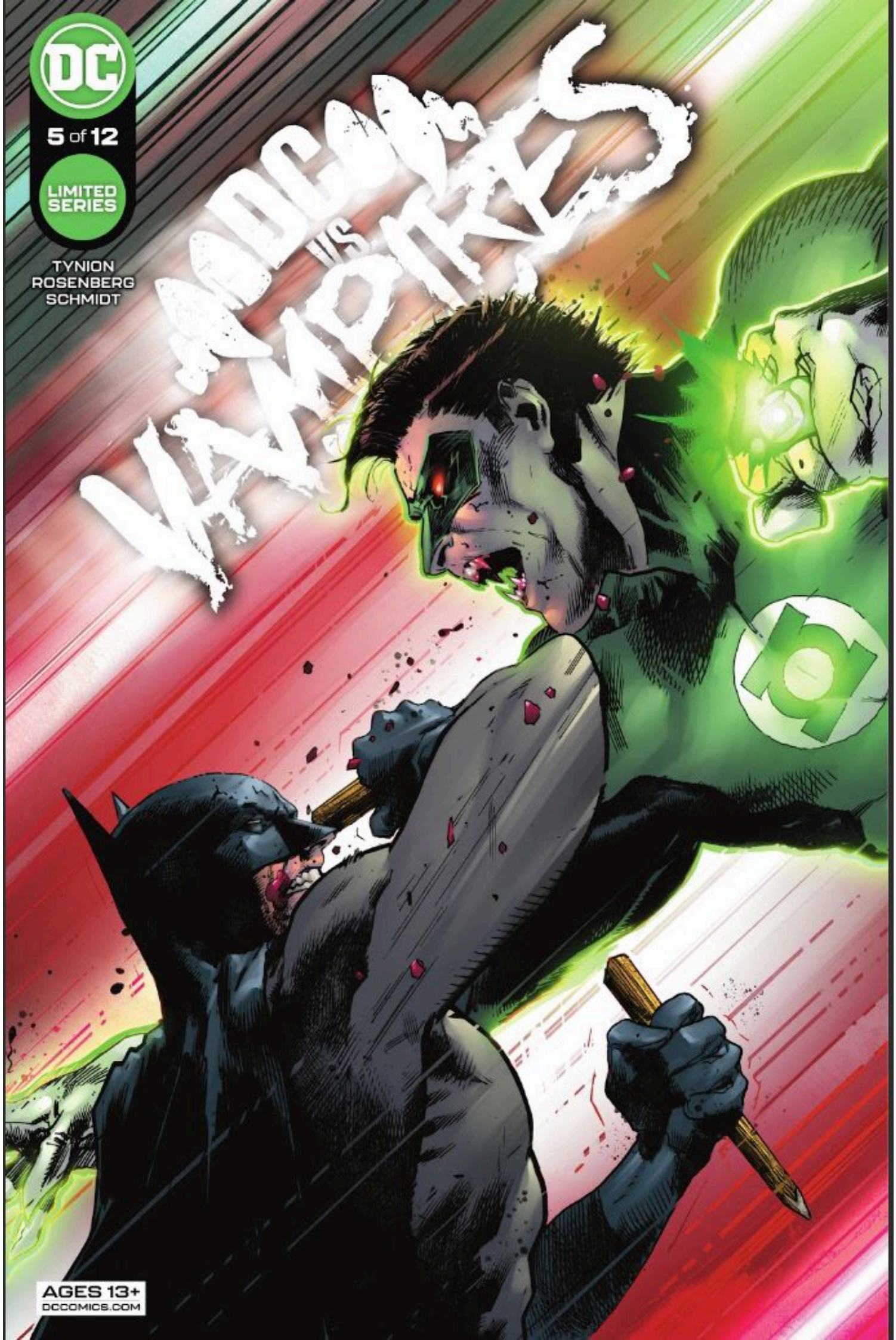
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A DISTURBING WAREHOUSE. GOTHAM CITY.
"LOOK ALIVE, EVERYBODY.
"ON MY MARK...
TASK FORCE X!
NOBODY MOVE!
IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE IN HERE IS DEAD.
WELL, THEY'RE NOT BLOODY MOVIN', ARE THEY?
HAVE WE BEEN HERE ALREADY?
SO...

"...SOMETHING IS REALLY %#$!?& UP HERE."
WHAT'S *THE PLAN* HERE, BATMAN?
SHOOT ARROWS.
I WAS HOPING FOR SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE I CAME UP WITH IT.

DEEP DOWN YOU KNOW WHAT YOU DID TO BARRY WAS WRONG.
STOP FIGHTING US, BRUCE.
WE CAN HELP YOU, OLLIE.
YEAH, HELP ME BECOME A FREAK LIKE YOU...
WAIT. I MEANT THE VAMPIRE THING, NOT THE CYBORG THING. YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS BEEN COOL WITH THAT.
BRUCE, PLEASE. WE'LL GET YOU HELP SOMEHOW.

HOW DID THEY GET TO YOU?
LISTEN TO YOURSELF. IT'S OVER. YOU CAN'T WIN THIS ONE.
YES I CAN.
CLK
FWOOO
GAAAH!
KRYPTONITE!
BECAUSE I HAVE TO.

HARDEST JOB WE'VE HAD IN A WHILE. I'M KNACKERED.
THEY DON'T HAVE BLOOD.
GROSS. JOKER'S GROSS BUT THAT'S GROSSER THAN HIS NORMAL GROSS.
CLOWN'S NOT HERE. HIS MATES ARE DEAD. WE GO HOME NOW, RIGHT?
CLOWN'S A VAMPIRE. GOT IT. WE GO HOME NOW, RIGHT?
SOMEONE DRANK THEIR BLOOD. ALL OF IT.
WAIT, VAMPIRES ARE REAL NOW? I THOUGHT THEY WERE MADE UP. LIKE WEREWOLVES...OR DINOSAURS.
BOTH OF THOSE THINGS ARE REAL TOO.
YOU SURE?
WHAT NOW, WALLER?
MISSION IS UNCHANGED. BRING IN THE JOKER.
IT'S A LITTLE CHANGED. HE'S A @#$&?*% VAMPIRE.
THAT'S THE WORKING THEORY.
WHAT'S THE @#$# SAYING?
SEEMS LIKE MORE THAN THEORY. DON'T WE NEED SPECIAL WEAPONS OR SOMETHING FOR THIS?
YOU'LL MAKE IT WORK.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KILL A VAMPIRE. THIS IS GONNA BE GOOD.

GRAAAH!
BLACK SPIDER JUST WENT OFFLINE. WHAT'S HAPPENING, DEADSHOT?
KING SHARK IS COMPROMISED!
HARLEY AND PARASITE, KEEP HIM OFF BALANCE. BOOMERANG, THROW @#&$ AT HIM. SAVANT, YOU'RE WITH ME...
...OH, COME ON.

EVERYONE STOP RIGHT NOW.
BE COOL.
BATMAN, WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.
IT'S AN INFECTION IN THE BLOOD. YOU'RE SICK. YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT, DEEP DOWN, SOMEWHERE. BUT WE CAN CURE IT.
THERE IS NO CURE.
MAYBE NOT YET.
BUT COME WITH US AND LET US HELP YOU. WHAT HAPPENED TO BARRY, IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.
IT'S NOT THE REAL YOU.
I DIDN'T KILL BARRY.
HAL DID.
YOU'RE A LIAR! I WOULD--
STOP.
I DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE IS TURNED BESIDES DIANA, BUT IF ANY OF YOU AREN'T INFECTED, YOU'RE ON THE WRONG SIDE RIGHT NOW.
I WISH I COULD BELIEVE YOU BUT I'VE SEEN THE EVIDENCE.
IT'S FAKE.
MAYBE. BUT WE CAN GET IT SORTED AT THE HALL.
NO.
HOW 'BOUT THIS. LET DIANA USE THE LASSO OF TRUTH ON YOU.
NO.
IF YOU CAN'T OFFER ME ANYTHING, YOU'RE GIVING US NO CHOICE.
I HAVE EVIDENCE IN MY COMPUTER FILES.
ARE WE PRETENDING BATMAN CAN'T FABRICATE FILES?!
CALM DOWN, HAL. I DON'T LIKE WONDERING WHY YOU WANT A FIGHT SO BAD.

CHECK THE FILES YOURSELF.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE IF THEY'VE BEEN TAMPERED WITH.
YEAH, LET ME JUST--
UNAUTHORIZED USER. SECURITY PROTOCOLS ENACTED.
BATMAN, WHAT IS--
DID YOU JUST FRY THE ONE GUY WHO WAS ON OUR SIDE?
ASSUME NOBODY IS ON OUR SIDE.
WELL, I WILL DEFINITELY ASSUME THAT NOW.
AT LEAST YOU MADE SURE TO BLACK OUT THE CAVE FULL OF UNDEAD CREATURES OF THE NIGHT THAT WE'RE STUCK IN.

"I DOUBT IT WAS JUST THE BATCAVE."
THE WHOLE CITY JUST LOST POWER.
ANYONE KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?
NO.
ACK!

POWER SURGE ORIGINATED NEAR THE CAVE.
I'M ON MY WAY.
DAMIAN, YOU'RE THE NEXT CLOSEST. I'LL PICK YOU UP.
FINE. WHATEVER.

COME OUT AND LET US HELP YOU.
YOU CAN'T HIDE IN HERE FOREVER, GUYS.
WHAT IS--
ACK!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
IT'S A SYNTHETIC RAPID-DEGRADING FINE SILICA POWDER IN 13-0858 YELLOW.
IT WILL NEUTRALIZE HIS POWERS.
FEELS LIKE IT ALSO MIGHT GIVE ME CANCER?
WORRY ABOUT THE VAMPIRES.
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT ARROWS READY?
I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THIS IN ME, BRUCE.
THIS IS THE FATE OF HUMANKIND. YOU DO.
I'M SORRY.
ARRGH!
THUNK
I MISSED HIS HEART.
YOU DON'T DO THAT.
YEAH, WELL...IT'S HAL. WHAT IF YOU MADE A MISTAKE?
I DON'T DO THAT.

ENOUGH!
OLIVER QUEEN, COME FACE ME.
FWOOOSH
SORRY, J'ONN.
WHAT IS THIS?
FWOOSH
KEEP THEM OFF ME, OLLIE.
STAY BACK, FRIEND!
I DOUBT THEY COULD TURN YOUR ALIEN PHYSIOLOGY, SO THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, J'ONN.
FIND US WHEN YOU COME BACK.

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU JUST DO?!
WOOM
THE OLD JUSTICE LEAGUE TELEPORTERS OPERATE ON AN INDEPENDENT POWER SYSTEM.
I TELEPORTED HIM AWAY AND THEN DESTROYED THE CONTROLS SO HE CAN'T JUST COME RIGHT BACK.
WHY DIDN'T WE USE IT TO GET OUT OF HERE?!
BECAUSE WE'RE NOT DONE YET.
TRAITORS!
I KNOW WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS HERE, BUT I FEEL LIKE WE'LL HAVE A LOT OF APOLOGY NOTES TO WRITE WHEN THIS IS OVER.

WALLER?! WALLER, COME IN!
SYSTEM IS DEAD.
SO ARE WE IN A MINUTE, MATE.
LOOKED LIKE YOU COULD USE SOME HELP.
THANKS PRETTY BATLADY.
ANYTHING I NEED TO KNOW?
TURNS OUT VAMPIRES ARE REAL NOW.
I GOT THAT.
THE JOKER IS ONE.
GOT THAT ALSO. ANYTHING ELSE?
DINOSAURS ARE REAL TOO.
AHH
SKUNK
I'VE ALWAYS HATED YOU.
AWW, THAT'S TOO BAD. I HAD A CRUSH ON YOU.

TWO ON ONE, DIANA. STAND DOWN. YOU CAN'T WIN.
DO YOU REALLY *BELIEVE THAT,* OLIVER?
OBVIOUSLY NOT REALLY, NO.
NOW!

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US, BRUCE?
WE WILL SHOW YOU THAT OUR PATH IS THE ONLY WAY FORWARD.
YOU KNOW I'D NEVER DO THAT.
I KNOW. BUT I HAD TO TRY. YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND AND YOU'D HAVE BEEN AN AMAZING VAMPIRE.
HSSSS!
YOU'D BURN MY FACE WITH HOLY WATER, COWARD?
OOOF.
WHAT... WAIT. YOU'RE A...
YES, I AM.
VAMPIRE?

AND YOU SHALL BE TOO.
NO!
BRUCE, WHAT DO WE DO?
YOU'VE GOT FILES ON ALL OF US. WHAT'S DIANA'S WEAKNESS?
HER FRIENDS.
WELL, THAT'S OUT.
HELP ME GET ON MY FEET.
NOW WHAT?
RUN.
RUN!
WHAT?

SO CLOSE. BUT YOU JUST WEREN'T STRONG ENOUGH, BRUCE.
ARGH!
CRACK
I'M SURE YOU THINK I ENJOY THIS. BUT THAT JUST SHOWS HOW LITTLE YOU EVER UNDERSTOOD ABOUT...
VROOOM
WHAT IS THAT NOISE?
VROOOOM
OOOF!

HEY, WONDER WOMAN. HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR MOTORCYCLE?
YOU BOYS JUST MADE A HORRIBLE MISTAKE.
SHUT THE #@$% UP, DIANA.
BOOM
WE NEED TO GO NOW.
IT'S FOUR ON ONE.
WE CAN TAKE HER.
NO. WE CAN'T.
WHY IS EVERYTHING YELLOW?
WE NEED TO GET HIM INTO THE BATCAR.
BATMOBILE.
I'LL DRIVE!
IS HE ALLOWED TO DRIVE?
DEFINITELY NOT.

DAMIAN... ARE OLLIE AND TIM OUT OF THE CAVE?
YEAH.
WE NEED TO SLOW THEM DOWN...
YOU'RE DELIRIOUS, OLD MAN. JUST RELAX.
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WHAT ARE YOU TALKING--

THEY GOT AWAY.
I AM AWARE.
MASTER WILL NOT BE PLEASED.
HE SPRAYED ME... WITH KRYPTONITE. I CAN BARELY... STAND.
TAKE IT EASY, CLARK...
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WE'VE GOT YOU NOW.
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